*Industrial Loan.*

262. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Board of Industries constituted by Government under the State Aid to Industries Act of Travancore, has sanctioned any industrial loan to the applicants in 1114 up to 1-12-1114; and

(*b*) the total amount allotted for the purpose in the Budget for the year 1114?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) No industrial loan was sanctioned during 1114, as the term of the Board expired on 3-12-1938 and as the constitution of a new Board was engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Rs. 10,000.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from Government whether they have passed final orders with regard to the constitution of this Board by this time?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No, Sir.

*Thondara Bridge.*

263 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the present condition of the Thondara Bridge across the Manimala river on the Main Central Road, about 1 mile to the south of the Tiruvalla town; and

(*b*) the steps taken in the matter?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Caution boards have been put up and the condition of the bridge is being watched in order to warn the public in case of emergency. Arrangements are being made to provide a *junghar* for the use of lorry and other heavy vehicles. The plan and estimate for re-erecting the bridge are under preparation.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the present condition of the bridge?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: The bridge is not fit for heavy loads.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the Government what this is due to?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: It is due to the sinkage of the piles.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know from the member what the sinkage is due to?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Investigation is being conducted and it is believed that some timber rafts might have struck the piles and caused the sinkage. Investigation is going on now.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether Government are aware of the fact that the bridge first constructed at this place had also fallen down immediately after construction?

MR. S. SESHA AIYAR: Yes, Sir. The bridge was first constructed in 1093 and it was damaged in 1919.

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